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This denial language was written by FOIA attorney  
[redacted] in July 2000.

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Reference: F-2000-01488

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This acknowledges receipt of your 6 July 2000 letter requesting records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). **Specifically, your request is for records on Reies Lopez Tijerina, founder of the Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres in New Mexico.** For identification purposes we have assigned your request the number referenced above. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

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With regard to your request for expedited processing, I must inform you that all requests are handled in the order received on a "first-in, first-out" basis. Exceptions to this rule will be made only when a compelling need is established to the satisfaction of the Agency. A "compelling need" is deemed to exist: 1) when the matter involves an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or 2) when the request is made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information (i.e., a representative of the news media) and the information is relevant to a subject of public urgency concerning an actual or alleged Federal government activity. Since your request does not demonstrate a "compelling need" as defined above, we must decline your request to expedite processing.